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SUBJECT: GATT: TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. STATE 159293; B. SEOUL 4286

1. ACCORDING HAN, TAE CHOE, ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS SECTION
CHIEF IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA), NO DECISION HAS
BEEN MADE AS YET ON COMPOSITION OF ROKG DELEGATION TO SUBJECT
MEETING. HAN NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IS OUT OF COUNTRY
AND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT DECISION ON DELEGATION UNLIKELY
TO BE MADE BEFORE END OF AUGUST.

2. HAN BELIEVES ROKG WILL RAISE INFORMALLY WITH USDEL IN
TOKYO QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY IN DC/LDC NEGOTIATIONS. HE
BELIEVES IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE EFFECTIVLY WITH U.S., KOREA
NEEDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT USG POSITION ON
RECIPROCITY QUESTION (SEE SEOUL 4286).

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3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, HAN SAID THAT AT APRIL UNCTAD MEETING

ASIAN LDC'S AGREED TO HOLD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN
DJAKARTA SOMETIME DURING MONTH OF AUGUST TO PLAN
STRATEGY FOR SUBJECT MINISTERIAL AND FOR MTN ITSELF.
HOWEVER, INABILITY TO AGREE ON QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION
OF BANGLADESH IN DJAKARTA MEETING HAS FORCED ITS POST-
PONEMENT AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER TOKYO MINISTERIAL.
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